

Return to In-Person Learning

West Lafayette Community School Corporation

2021-22



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- The West Lafayette Community School Corporation will rely on guidance provided by the Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD), the Indiana State Department of Health and the Governor's office, and School Corporation Physicians.
- The WLCSC School Board has the sole authority to make adjustments to the in-person instruction plan. However, Executive Orders from the Governor or Emergency Orders from TCHD may require measures that alter plan designs previously approved by the School Board.

Note:

This plan is designed to meet criteria for the Return to In-Person Instruction Plan, as required by the US Department of Education as a part of ESSER III funding.

In-Person Instruction

The WLCSC Board of Trustees recognizes that in-person instruction offers the highest-quality educational experience to students and maximizes the skill and professional abilities of educators and staff.

In consultation with administration, faculty representatives, school nurses and school physicians, the West Lafayette Community School Corporation will open the 2021-22 school year using an **in-person model**.

Accommodation of Medical Needs

- Students with a verified medical need documented by a physician may be eligible for an alternative educational arrangement. Situations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Students who are ill, quarantined due to COVID, or absent from school for other reasons will be provided with their school homework via the ordinary channels facilitated by teachers.

Wearing of Masks

- Following Centers for Disease Control, Indiana Department of Health, and Tippecanoe Health Department guidance, WLCSC will observe the following:
- Face masks are **optional** for all when indoors. **WLCSC continues to strongly recommend masking for those students and adults who feel more comfortable masking.**
- Face masks are **optional** on school transportation, subject to revised regulatory guidance by federal policymakers.

K – 12 Isolation Guidance

- If a person tests positive...
 - Stay home for 5 days from the onset of symptoms (if symptomatic) or the date of a positive test (if asymptomatic). Report the case to the school nurse.
 - Return to school Day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving. Must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication
 - School medical staff retain the discretion to determine whether the resolution of symptoms is sufficient to warrant a return to school.
 - Continue to mask at all times upon return to school, including during extracurricular activities through day 10.

Prevention and Mitigation

- Prevention and mitigation measures such as regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces and increased ventilation and air filtration shall continue.
- Students and staff are encouraged to practice good hand hygiene throughout the school day.
- In following IDOH guidelines, WLCSC will seek guidance from the Local Health Department if we become aware of cluster cases within classrooms or groups, or if our rate of absenteeism reaches 10% for COVID-like illness.
- The Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) will continue to provide “return to play” guidelines for student-athletes in grades 6-12.
- Administrators and Medical Staff will continue to monitor data and recommend adjustments to the plan, as needed.